

quently. Two were returned to State Government for modification of the estimates.

(d) and (e). Execution of some of the sanctioned works in Bihar is getting delayed due to a combination of reasons, including strikes, lack of suitable contractors, delay in land acquisition etc.

Opening of more Branches of Nationalised Banks in Bihar

373. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks in the rural areas of Patna, Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of Bihar;

(b) whether the Government propose to open more branches in the rural areas of these districts;

(c) if so, the names of places where these branches are proposed to be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The number of branches of Public Sector Banks in the rural areas of Patna, Rohtas and Bhojpur Districts of Bihar as on 30.6.1991 are given below:-

<i>Districts</i>	<i>Number of Branches</i>
Patna	103
Rohtas	68
Bhojpur	56

(b) to (d). Under the extant policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for opening of branches in rural areas, the list of identified centres with necessary particulars in each

District has to be given to the lead bank of that District. The lead bank after consolidating the list received from all banks submits it to the District Collectors for recommendations and onward transmission to RBI through the concerned State Government. Under the Branch Licensing Policy (1990-95), opening of branches of Public Sector Banks is a continuous process and hence it is not possible to project the number of branches that will be opened in the rural areas of these Districts.

Bank Loans to Farmers in Bihar and Orissa

374. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans given by the scheduled banks to the framers in Bihar and Orissa during the last three years; districtwise; and

(b) the amount of loans recovered during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported the amount of direct agricultural loans disbursed by all scheduled commercial banks to farmers (excluding those for allied activities) during the last three years ending June 1987, June 1988 and June 1989 (latest available) in the State of Bihar and Orissa as under:

<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>		
<i>Year ended June</i>	<i>Bihar</i>	<i>Orissa</i>
1987	68.0	47.4
1988	83.2	48.8
1989	99.5	58.2